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1. Five hundred so-called fishing cutters, which are actually to be coastguard cutters, are to be built in the Russian Zone by the middle of 1950. These craft will be constructed of wood and will be about fifteen meters long. They will be equipped with 150-HP Diesel engines, with a speed of from ten to twelve knots and will have the usual steering devices. There will be no special armament except a mounting for a 20 mm weapon, which will not be installed in Germany. The compasses and rudder installations are to be supplied by Ackmania-Teltow.
 2. One hundred luggers are to be completed this year. These will be thirty meters long, steel plated and have a capacity of from 300 to 400 tons. Each will be powered by a 300-HP Diesel engine with a speed of twelve knots and will be equipped with the same steering devices as the fishing cutters. Some of them will have echo-sounding devices.
 3. The boats were originally designed by Construction Bureau No. 2 and/or by an office formerly located in Karlshorst. The engines are being built by Krupp-Gruson, R. Wolf and Schäffer and Budenberg, all in Magdeburg. The boats are being constructed at the following shipyards: Rostock, Travemünde, Greifswald, Stralsund, Wismar, and Boizenburg. They are to be delivered to the Russian Navy and, according to reliable information, are destined for the Black Sea, Lake Ladoga and Kronstadt as fishing boats. Production plans call for the completion of eighty boats per month, but as of mid-May 1949, the average monthly production was only fifty boats because of delay in the manufacture of engines and compasses.

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